

Investing in our community



Over a hundred years ago gold mining was responsible for the development of the town of Waihi and the local and regional infrastructure. Roads, railway, telegraph and electric power were all provided initially to service the mining industry.

Construction of the modern Martha Mine started in 1987. Since that time we have invested a significant amount of money in the community through partnerships and sponsorship of groups, organisations and projects. We have also contributed a large amount to the local economy. For example, in the last five years we have spent over \$264m in the local community, amounting to about 32% of the town's economy.

Here are some of the projects we have supported and have been involved in over the years since mining returned to Waihi.

1. The Nugget multisport event
2. Bridge to Bridge riparian planting project
3. Waihi Memorial Hall refurbishment
4. Waihi's Warm Up Party for Beach Hop
5. HELP (Habitat Enhancement and Landcare Partnership)
6. WaW (Wild about Waihi)
7. TECT helicopter
8. Community movie night (20th year gold pour)



Waihi Streetscape 2000

We made a major financial contribution to the redevelopment of the commercial centre of town as well as funding the miner's statue in front of the Memorial Hall and the replica poppet head as part of the Streetscape Project.

Replica Poppet Head 2001

This replica headframe - used to lower and raise a cage in a vertical shaft in the historic underground mine - was constructed by Waihi Gold as a contribution to Streetscape 2000.



Waihi Community Vision and the Vision Waihi Trust

Since 2003
Newmont has funded these groups since their inception. This photo shows Eddie Morrow and Kevin Corney with a trophy presented to mark the group reaching the finals in the community organisation section of the inaugural New Zealander of the Year Awards.



Waihi Events Centre 1998

Waihi Gold made a large financial contribution to this community facility, which opened in 1998.



Dotterel Watch Programme Since 1995

We have funded this programme each year since 1995 in partnership with the Department of Conservation to provide a vehicle, quad bike and staff to help protect the threatened New Zealand dotterel on the Coromandel Peninsula.



Martha Mine Open Days Since 1994

Run in conjunction with Waihi Lions Club and with the assistance of many other community groups, open days return money to the local community to help fund local and regional projects.



Gilmour Lake 1987

Waihi Gold constructed Gilmour Lake to replace the Mine Lake, which was dewatered and removed when mining recommenced in 1987. The facility was later gifted to the community.



Waihi Gold Mining Education Trust Since 1992

Each year Waihi Gold has provided funds for Waihi College and scholarships for individual students through an Education and Scholarships for individual students through an Education and Scholarships Trust. In the last few years we have also assisted each of the six primary schools in the town and immediate region.



Pit Rim Walkway 2005

The first section of the Pit Rim Walkway was constructed by Newmont in 2005. The walkway now stretches all the way around the open pit and is a popular trail for locals and visitors.



In 2011 we provided financial and/or in-kind support for the following:

- Art Waikino
- Athenree Fire Brigade - defibrillator
- Athenree Wildlife Refuge Reserve Restoration
- Bosom Buddies
- Bowentown Boating and Sport Fishing Club
- Community Patrols NZ
- Coromandel FM - Cancer society
- DOC - Dotterel Watch Programme
- Dylan Schmidt - trampolining representative
- Go Waihi - Beach Hop
- Go Waihi - GoldFest
- Grace Spiers - surfing representative
- Hauraki Enterprise Agency
- Hetherington House - Dementia Unit
- John Mulvey - mural art
- Karangahake School
- Katikati College
- Matariki Waihi 2011
- New Zealand Census
- Paeroa College
- Parish of St Johns Waihi
- Rachel Schmidt - trampolining representative
- Ross Colman - basketball representative
- Sport N Action - Duathlon
- Sport N Action - Nugget Race
- St James Church - Open Door Christmas Dinner
- St Joseph's School
- Te Aroha Boxing Club
- Te Korowai Hauraki
- TECT Rescue Helicopter
- Thames Valley Basketball Association
- Thames Valley Bowls Umpires
- Thames Valley Rugby Club
- The Salvation Army Christmas Food Hampers
- University of Waikato
- Vision Waihi Trust
- Waihi Hack and Hunters
- Waihi and Districts Agricultural Club
- Waihi A and P Association
- Waihi Arts Centre and Museum
- Waihi Association Football Club
- Waihi Athletic Rugby Club
- Waihi Beach Fire Brigade - defibrillator
- Waihi Beach Lifeguard Services
- Waihi Beach School
- Waihi Bowling Club
- Waihi Central School
- Waihi College
- Waihi Community Marae
- Waihi Contract Bridge Club
- Waihi Darts Association
- Waihi East School
- Waihi Fire Brigade
- Waihi Golf Club
- Waihi Herb Society
- Waihi Heritage Vision
- Waihi Indoor Bowling Club
- Waihi Inline Hockey
- Waihi Performing Arts
- Waihi Plunket Society
- Waihi Special Needs Idol Day
- Waihi Tennis Club
- Waihi Timebank
- Waihi Toy Library
- Waikino School
- Waimata School
- White Ribbon campaign
- Woodstocke NZ Potters